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FROM US REP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM , NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: COUNT OF TACTICAL AIRCRAFT AND  
AIR FORCE PERSONNEL IN NATO GUIDELINES AREA

SUMMARY. THIS MESSAGE CITES FREQUENT REFERENCES BY SOVIET  
NEGOTIATORS TO AIRCRAFT REDUCTIONS, POINTS OUT THE ABSENCE OF  
OFFICIAL BACKGROUND DATA ON AIRCRAFT AND AIR PERSONNEL COUNTS  
FOR USE BY US MBFR DELEGATION, SURVEYS THE AIRCRAFT COUNT SOURCES  
AVAILABLE HERE, AND PROPOSES A SET OF AGGREGATE NUMBERS FOR  
USE FOR BACKGROUND USE. END SUMMARY.

1. SOVIET REFERENCES TO INCLUSION OF AIRCRAFT IN  
REDUCTION NEGOTIATIONS. THE PORTION OF BREZHNEV'S  
26 OCTOBER SPEECH QUOTED BY SOV REP KHLESTOV'S OPENING  
STATEMENT (VIENNA 9026) INCLUDED QUCO CONSIDER THAT  
ONE MUST AGREE ON A REDUCTION IN AN ALREADY DEFINED REGION  
OF CENTRAL EUROPE OF FOREIGN AS WELL AS NATIONAL LAND

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AND AIR FORCES OF STATES-PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS

UNQUOTE. THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOUNDED REPEATEDLY (SEE SEPTTEL FOR KHLESTOV NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW, AS AN EXAMPLE). OUR TACTICS ON THIS ISSUE WILL BE TO EMPHASIZE RATIONALE FOR FOCUS ON GROUND FORCES, REASONS WHY BRINGING IN AIR FORCE WOULD UNDULY COMPLICATE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO REFUSE TO BE DRAWN INTO DISCUSSION OF AIR FORCES. NONETHELESS, FOR BACKGROUND PURPOSES OF AD HOC GROUP AND POSSIBLE LATER USE ON IF ASKED BASIS IN BACKGROUNDING PRESS OR IN DUE COURSE IN MAKING OUR CASE TO EAST THAT AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE KEPT OUT, WE WILL NEED FIGURES ON AGGREGATE AIRCRAFT AND AIR PERSONNEL MANPOWER. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO HAVE AGREED NATO FIGURES IN THESE TWO CATEGORIES.

2. AVAILABLE DATA ON AIRCRAFT. WE HAVE AT HAND A DIVERSE COLLECTION OF SOURCES OF AIRCRAFT NUMBERS. AMONG THESE ARE IISS TABLES, DIA AND CIA DATA, MBFR TASK FORCE TABLES, NATO DOCUMENTS AND A DETAILED AIR UNIT DATA VOLUME OF THE DOD NATO/WARSAW PACT AIR DATA BASE. WE HAVE EXAMINED THESE SOURCES, MAKING ADJUSTMENTS AS BEST WE COULD TO BE ABLE TO COMPARE THEM ON THE BASIS OF CONSISTENT INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS, SUCH AS DELETING NAVAL AIRCRAFT, FOR EXAMPLE. THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE AMONG THE SOURCES EXCEPT FOR THE IISS TABLES.

3. AIRCRAFT COUNT AND AIR MANPOWER FIGURES PROPOSED FOR AUTHORIZED USE WITHIN USG. WITH THE DUAL OBJECTIVES OF MAXIMUM ACCURACY AND HAVING A BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ALLIES, WE HAVE SORTED OUT, AGGREGATED, AND ROUNDED OFF THE COUNTS OF THE OPERATIONALLY AVAILABLE TACTICAL AIRCRAFT AND AIR MANPOWER IN THE GUIDELINES AREA. WE BELIEVE THEY ARE (A) CONSISTENT WITH USG SOURCE DOCUMENTS, ADJUSTED AS INDICATED ABOVE FOR COMPARABILITY, (B) COMPATIBLE WITH NATO AC/276(SGTA) AIRCRAFT COUNTS, AND (C) SUFFICIENTLY AGGREGATED AND ROUNDED OFF SO AS NOT TO BE ASSOCIATABLE WITH ANY INTELLIGENCE SOURCE, DOCUMENT, OR MEANS OF COLLECTION. THE COUNTS FOLLOW:

A) COUNT OF TACTICAL AIRCRAFT IN NATO GUIDELINES AREA

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RATIO -		
NATO PACT	NATO:PACT	
(A)	(B)	(C)

I. TOTAL TACTICAL AIRCRAFT 1575 2900 1:1.8

A. AIR DEFENSE 350 1700 1:4.9

B. GROUND ATTACK        1050 825 1:0.8

C. RECONNAISSANCE        175 375 1:2.1

II. US/SOVIET COMPONENT OF TOTAL

COUNT                250 1250 1:5.0

B) AIR FORCES MANPOWER IN NATO GUIDELINES AREA

RATIO -  
NATO PACT   NATO:PACT  
(A) (B)    (C)

I. TOTAL AIR MANPOWER    199,000 111,500 1:0.6

II. US/SOVIET COMPONENT OF

TOTAL                35,000 56,500 1:1.6

4. ACTION REQUESTED: A) THAT WASHINGTON REVIEW THESE NUMBERS  
AND ADVISE US OF ANY CHANGES; B) THAT THE WASHINGTON NUMBERS  
BE SUBMITTED TO USNATO TO OBTAIN AGREED NATO NUMBERS FOR USE  
IN AHG. END TEXT.HUMES

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